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Ms. Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 449X); BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment
Exemption – in Swift County, MN**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments to abandon and discontinue service over a 0.54-mile line of railroad between Engineering Stations 0 + 00 and 28 + 61, near Appleton, in Swift County, MN. The exemption became effective on May 4, 2007.


By Surface Transportation Board (STB) decision served March 26, 2008, the STB granted an extension of the consummation date until April 3, 2009. Due to the limited time period in which salvage activities can be performed and winter weather conditions, BNSF has had difficulties finding an interested salvager. BNSF is, therefore, requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until April 2, 2010.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 352-3394.

Sincerely,


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cc: Susan Odom
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